

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE TENNESSEE

October 21, 2003

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF I-LINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY TO OFFER FACILITIES BASED LOCAL
EXCHANGE AND INTRASTATE, INTEREXCHANGE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

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**DOCKET NO.
96-01459**

Company ID: 124422

**ORDER REVOKING AUTHORITY GRANTED TO
I-LINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AS A
PUBLIC UTILITY IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE FOR FAILURE TO
PROVIDE SURETY BOND OR IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT**

This matter came before Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Sara Kyle and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on September 22, 2003, to consider whether to revoke the authority of I-Link Communications, Inc.¹ (the "Company") to conduct business in the State of Tennessee as a public utility for failure to comply with Tennessee Code Ann. § 65-4-125(j).²

The Company originally filed its Application for authority to provide facilities-based, basic local exchange and interexchange services throughout Tennessee on October 1, 1996. During a Hearing held on October 29, 1996, the Directors found that the Company had met all the

¹ I-Link Communications, Inc. was formerly known as Family Telecommunications Incorporated. This name change was effected by Order dated February 3, 1998 (Docket No. 97-01440).

² Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-125(j) provides:

By September 1, 2000, all telecommunications service providers subject to the control and jurisdiction of the authority, except those owners or operators of public telephone service who pay annual inspection and supervision fees pursuant to § 65-4-301(b), or any telecommunications service provider that owns and operates equipment facilities in Tennessee with a value of more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000), shall file with the authority a corporate surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to secure the payment of any monetary sanction imposed in any enforcement proceeding, brought under this title or the Consumer Telemarketing Protection Act of 1990, compiled in title 47, chapter 18, part 15, by or on behalf of the authority.

requirements for certification and the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-2-.57, which was promulgated pursuant to, *inter alia*, Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-101 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201, and voted unanimously to approve the Application as filed.

A notice advising the Company of its failure to comply with the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-125(j) was mailed on August 22, 2003 via certified mail. The Company failed to respond to the August 22, 2003 notice. As a result of this failure, this matter was placed on the September 22, 2003 Authority Conference for the Directors to consider revocation of the Company's certification.

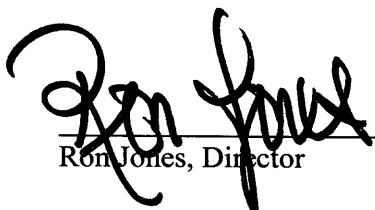
As of the September 22, 2003 Authority Conference, the Company had failed to file with the Authority a \$20,000 corporate surety bond or an irrevocable letter of credit to secure the payment of any monetary sanction imposed in any enforcement proceeding, and it had not demonstrated ownership and operation of equipment facilities in Tennessee with a value of more than \$5,000,000. Accordingly, the panel voted unanimously to revoke the authority of the Company to conduct business in the State of Tennessee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The authority of I-Link Communications, Inc. granted in Docket No. 96-01459 to conduct business in the State of Tennessee as a public utility is revoked, and this docket is closed.


Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman


Sara Kyle, Director


Ron Jones, Director